

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-5 have been allowed.

Applicant has included replacement sheets for amending Figures 1-5 per Examiner's observations. Additional sheets submitted to assure high quality drawings for the issued patent.

With respect to the Office action objecting to the disclosure lacking section headings under 37 CFR 1.77(b), Applicant respectfully traverse this objection. Applicant prefers not to add section headings, for consistency with the parent application. Such section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC 111(a), but per 37 CFR 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for Applicant's use. They are not mandatory, and in fact when Rule 77 was amended in 1996 (61 FR 42790, Aug. 19, 1996), Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, states in the Official Gazette:

"Section 1.77 is permissive rather than mandatory. ... 1.77 merely expresses the Office's preference for the arrangement of the application elements. The Office may advise an applicant that the application does not comply with the format set forth in 1.77, and suggest this format for the applicant's consideration; however, the Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77." *Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice, Response to comments 17 and 18 (Official Gazette, August 13, 1996) [Docket No: 950620162-6014-02] RIN 0651-AA75.*

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw his objections.

Conclusion

Applicant believes he has addressed the Examiner's concerns. A timely Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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